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## Governor Doyle Signs Legislation Expanding the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board

Governor Jim Doyle today signed Assembly Bill 262, legislation to expand and strengthen the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board. The Board also administers the Children's Trust Fund, which the state legislature created in 1983 to make Wisconsin one of the first states in the nation to have an agency dedicated to the prevention of child maltreatment.

"This Board is Wisconsin's leading effort to prevent child abuse and neglect," Governor Doyle said. "By adding the Department of Corrections and the Department of Workforce Development to the Board, we now have all agencies working together to coordinate prevention of child neglect and abuse efforts across state government."

The bill increases the Board's membership from 16 to 20 members. Besides including the secretaries of the departments of Corrections and Workforce Development, it also adds two more public members. The bill requires all public member appointments to be based on expertise, experience, leadership, or advocacy in the prevention of child maltreatment.

The Governor's Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board appointments come from across the state.

"These are committed citizens help protect our kids," Governor Doyle said. "I applaud their service and dedication to this issue."

Assembly Bill 262 also eliminates the funding caps for prevention grants and allows the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board to develop statewide projects that provide information and services to prevent child abuse and neglect.

The Governor applauded the Board for its leadership role in developing *Wisconsin's State Plan to Prevent Child Maltreatment* and the implementation of several recommendations from the *State Plan*, including an innovative child sexual abuse prevention awareness campaign in Milwaukee and Wausau.

Finally, AB 262 allocates the sale of the special Celebrate Children license plates as an endowment base for the Board's Celebrate Children Foundation.

Governor Doyle thanked Representatives Steve Kestell and Donna Seidel as well as Senators Luther Olsen and Mark Miller for their work on the bill.

He also congratulated new and recent Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board appointments and re-appointments.

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"I want to thank the board members for looking for ways to make our system work better for our children and their families," Governor Doyle said.

New appointments to the Board because of Assembly Bill 262 include the secretaries of the departments of Corrections and Workforce Development or their designees and two public appointments by Governor Doyle:

**Jessica Clark**, Madison, is the designee for Secretary Matthew Frank of the Department of Corrections. She is the executive assistant for the department.

**JoAnna Richard**, Madison, is the designee for Secretary Roberta Gassman of the Department of Workforce Development. She is the executive assistant for the department.

**Carolyn Nash**, M.D., M.P.H, Wausau, is a pediatrician with the Marshfield Clinic and medical director of the Marathon County Child Advocacy Center.

**Florence A. Ninham**, Gresham, is the counselor manager of Family Services for the Stockbridge–Munsee Community and the President of American Indians Against Abuse.

Other appointments to the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board made recently by Governor Doyle include:

**Nancy Armbrust**, Green Bay, is vice president, Education and Community Relations, Schrieber Foods, Inc.

**James Leonhart**, Madison, is a senior consultant with DeWitt, Ross, & Stevens S.C.

**Richard Schlimm**, Madison, is the Executive Director of the Wisconsin Community Action Program Association.

**Joshua Dukelow**, Madison, is Governor's Doyle's designee and an agency liaison in the Governor's Office.

In addition, the Governor has re-appointed the following Board members:

**Anne Arnesen**, Madison, is a child and family advocate and the retired executive director of the Wisconsin Council on Children and Families.

**Cyrus Behroozi**, Milwaukee, is Director of Child Advocacy, Task Force on Family Violence.

**Reginald Bicha**, Ellsworth, is the Director of Human Services, Pierce County Department of Human Services.

**Sandra McCormick**, LaCrosse, is president and chief executive officer of World Services of La Crosse, Inc.

**Bruce F. Pamperin**, Ph.D., Menomonie, is a professor of social sciences at the University of Wisconsin–Stout. He serves as vice chair of the Board.

Besides the Governor's appointments, other Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board members include four legislative members and the Attorney General, State Superintendent of Schools, and the Secretary of the Department of Health and Family Services or their designees:

**Representative Steve Kestell**, Elkhart Lake, has been an Assembly appointment to the Board since 2000. His designee is David Matzen Madison.

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**Senator Mark Miller**, Monona, served on the Board as an Assembly appointment until his February 2005 Senate appointment. His assigned designee is Jamie Kuhn, Monona.

**Senator Luther Olsen**, Ripon, has served as a Senate appointment since February 2005. His assigned designee is Cory Bruce, Madison.

**Representative Donna Seidel**, Wausau, has served as an Assembly appointment since January 2005. Her assigned designee is Natalie Verette, Madison.

**Tina R. Virgil**, Madison, is the designee for Attorney General Peg Lautenschlager. She is the executive director of the Office of Crime Victims Services in the Department of Justice.

**Nic Dibble**, Stoughton, is the designee for State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster. He is the School Social Work Services consultant with the Department of Public Instruction and chairs the Board.

**Dianne Jenkins**, Madison, is the designee for Secretary Helene Nelson of the Department and Health and Family Services. She is a senior policy analyst for the department.